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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:       | ) |                       |
|                             | : | Examiner: S. Kau      |
| MASAO KATO                  | ) |                       |
|                             | : | Group Art Unit: 2625  |
| Application No.: 10/725,397 | ) |                       |
|                             | : | Confirmation No: 5019 |
| Filed: December 3, 2003     | ) |                       |
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| For: IMAGE PROCESSING       | ) |                       |
| APPARATUS AND IMAGE         | : |                       |
| PROCESSING METHOD           | ) | January 21, 2010      |

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2009 for one month from December 21, 2009 to January 21, 2010.

The \$130.00 fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 is being charged to Deposit Account 50-3939. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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